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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

22. A method of compacting DNA, comprising:

(1) contacting DNA with a fullerene derivative having 1-4 nitrogen-containing hydrophilic side chain(s) or a salt thereof, to obtain compacted DNA.

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